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1. On 16 July 1951, one Knochkov (fnn) was identified as the commanding officer of the unidentified AT artillery regiment which was quartered in buildings No 12 and 13 of the restricted Reisse Stadt settlement at Oranienburg (N 53/ Z 67). [redacted] on the cover of the regimental counting book. The three commanding officers of Unit Boshkov attended a conference in Fuerstenberg on the Oder River between 16 and 19 July. The three AT artillery regiments of Unit Boshkov were inspected in the billeting area by high-ranking officers on 23 July. From pictures he saw, source determined that two AT regiments were equipped with 76.2-mm guns and the third regiment with 100-mm AT guns. The ordnance buildings in the restricted area were determined as sheltering the following materiel between 25 July and 1 August.

Building No 25. Twenty-eight [redacted] rocket launchers in 14 bays. 25X1A

Building No 26. Forty personnel carriers and trucks in 20 bays.

Building No 29. Twenty 100-mm AT guns and 20 prime movers in 20 bays. The

[redacted] The remaining three bays of building No 29 were observed to shelter six 76.2-mm AT guns and six trucks on 25 July. 25X1C

Building No 30. Eighteen 76.2-mm AT guns which apparently arrived in the billeting area during the night of 21 July simultaneously with the six AT guns in building No 29.

Building No 31. Twenty 76.2-mm AT guns and 20 trucks in 20 bays.

Building No 35. Twenty-four 76.2-mm AT guns and about 40 trucks in 25 bays. (1)

2. Between 14 and 28 July, the eastern section of the Panzerschule was completely deserted while the western section was occupied by a rear unit and an undetermined number of recruits. Three units of about 30 recruits each were seen marching into the Panzerschule. (2)

3. The two trains described below passed through the Massenheide railroad station near Oranienburg:

6 August. Train of 13 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 49 flatcars with an undetermined number of 100-mm and 76.2-mm AT guns

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[REDACTED] The train came from Luckenwalde and was bound for Neustrelitz. (3)

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9 August. Train of 15 boxcars with troops and 15 flatcars with 30 heavy AT guns. [REDACTED] the train came from Loewenberg and proceeded to Rauen. (4)

4. The following trains were loaded at the Oranienburg freight yard:

6 August. Train of 4 boxcars and 4 flatcars with 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 rocket launchers, 18 AT guns, 15 trucks and 4 sedans; departing toward Basdorf-Bernau.

7 August. Train of 10 coaches with about 360 officers and men; departing for Jueterbog.

9 August, 4:10 p.m. Train of 12 boxcars and 38 flatcars with about 165 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 22 heavy AT guns, 22 prime movers, 2 medium AT guns, 2 sedans, 2 field kitchens and 10 trucks; departing for Jueterbog.

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9 August, 6:50 p.m. Train of 10 boxcars and 32 flatcars with about 125 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 10 light AT guns, 10 heavy AT guns, 10 prime movers, 22 trucks and 2 sedans, leaving for Jueterbog.

5. On 9 August, a train at the Oranienburg freight yard was loaded with about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery

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Comments.

(1) The numbered buildings are keyed to the [REDACTED]. According to previous reports, the restricted Weisse Stadt area quarters the unidentified AT artillery brigade and the unidentified rocket launcher regiment, both of the Second Gds Mecz Army. The present report indicates that the AT artillery brigade consists of 2 medium and 1 heavy AT artillery regiment. The artillery pieces observed in the individual ordnance buildings totaled 68 medium and 20 heavy AT guns. However, it is unknown, whether these figures include the material of the units which left on 4 trains for Jueterbog and toward Magdeburg on 25 and 28 July, and of those units of the brigade which returned aboard 2 trains on 28 July. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Lieutenant General D.G. Boshkov is known as commanding general of the brigade. [REDACTED] must probably read [REDACTED]

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(2) The components of the 25th Tank Div from the Panzerschule were still at the Templin troop training grounds at the time of observation. [REDACTED]

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(3) [REDACTED] the train carried a unit of the 9th Gds Tank Div which, together with units on two other trains, was reported to have been en route from Neustrelitz to Luckenwalde on 29 July 1951. [REDACTED]

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(4) Another source reported that 10 light AA guns and 12 trucks of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were entrained in Eberswalde on 9 August 1951. [REDACTED] the train mentioned in the present report also carried an element of this division. The two sources may have referred to the same train.

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(5) [REDACTED] the train mentioned in paragraph 5 carried a component of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army. According to the equipment, the units listed in paragraph 4 as having

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entrained are also believed to have been components of this brigade and of the army's rocket launcher regiment. The train described in paragraph 5 is probably identical with the train which, according to paragraph 4, was dispatched at 4:10 p.m. on 9 August. The train probably went to Jueterbog as the trains observed on 12 and 25 July 1951 did. [REDACTED]

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- (6) From the information on entraining operations and/or shipments of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army between 11 July and 9 August 1951, a total of 94 medium and 78 heavy AT guns were involved in the movements. Assuming that a medium AT artillery regiment consists of 3 battalions of 12 guns each, with 3 batteries of 4 guns each to a battalion; and that a heavy AT artillery regiment consists of 2 or 4 battalions of 12 guns each, with 3 batteries of 4 guns each to a battalion, it appears that the AT artillery brigade has a total of 72 medium and 24 or 48 heavy AT guns. It therefore appears that components of the brigade must have left for short training cycles a second time during the period from 12 July to 9 August 1951.

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